(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent such a situation and the results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such specific report has come to the notice of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The standards for milk have been prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. As per Rule 44 (1) of the PFA Rule, sale of milk and milk products containing substances not found in milk except as provided under these rules, is already prohibited under the provisions of PFA Act, 1954.

(b) and (c) The PFA Act is implemented by the State/UT Governments under which adulteration in food products are checked at the level of manufacturer as well as retailers.

For keeping check on the quality of milk sold in the country, the State/UT Governments have been requested from time to time to keep a strict vigil on the quality of milk and to take appropriate action against the offenders.

Objective of AIIMS

2034. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Institute of Medical Sciences was established with certain objectives, as the premier institute of the country;

(b) if so, whether these objectives are being followed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All India Institute of Medical Sciences is the premier institutions of the country engaged in medical education, research and patient care. There are ongoing efforts to ensure that the Institution remains a Centre of excellence and continues to follow the objectives for which it was set up.